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SUBJECT: ACTION ALONG ETHIO-SOMALI BORDER

1. RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCE PROVIDED REPORT FROM RECENT VISITOR BAY AND GEDO REGION WHO STATED ETHIOPIAN TROOPS STATIONED DOLO HAD CROSSED BORDER DURING PAST WEEK AND RUINED ROADS ON SOMALI SIDE. HE CLAIMED TWO SNA TRUCKS DAMAGED BY MINES BUT WITH NO LOSS OF LIFE. MILITARY/CIVILIAN TRAFFIC NOW PRECEDED BY SNA MINE-SWEEPING VEHICLES ACCORDING TO VISITOR, WHO RODE IN ONE SUCH CONVOY. FURTHER SNA REACTION ETHIOPIAN ACTIVITIES, IF ANY, NOT KNOWN.

2. SAME LOCAL SOURCE SAID SON OF EXILED SULTAN ALI MIRAH PAID VISIT TO MOGADISCIO SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR AFAR INSURGENCY. GSDR REPORTEDLY PROMISED HIM SOME ARMS (QUANTITY AND TYPE NOT KNOWN).

3. COMMENT: ALLEGED ETHIOPIAN MINING COULD BE RETALIATION FOR ARRUSI DEPREDATIONS IN BORDER AREA LAST MONTH. ARMS TO ALI MIRAH SUPPORTERS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH GSDR POLICY TO ENCOURAGE ANTI-EPMG ACTIVITY ON BROAD GEOGRAPHICAL FRONT, INHIBITING EPMG ABILITY RESPOND DECISIVELY ON ANY ONE FRONT, ESPECIALLY IN TFAI SHOULD THINGS THERE TAKE A TWIST IN GSDR'S
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